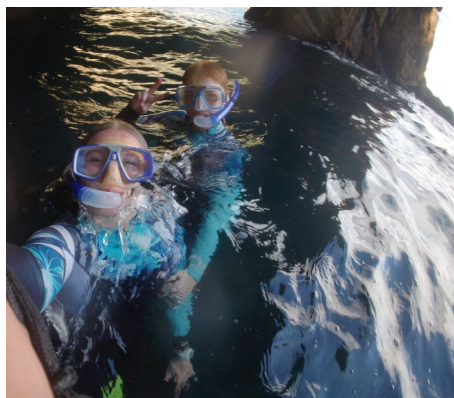


## Upcoming Events

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|------------------------|--|
| 12 May<br>Tuesday      | School Cross Country<br>Years 1-13             |
| 13 May<br>Wednesday    | Winter Sports<br>Year 7 & 8                    |
| 20th May<br>Wednesday  | CAA Literacy Reading<br>Year 10 +              |
| 21th May<br>Thursday   | CAA Literacy Writing<br>Year 10 +              |
| 22nd May<br>Friday     | Teacher Only Day<br>(Maths curriculum changes) |
| 26th May<br>Tuesday    | CAA Numeracy<br>Year 10 +                      |
| 27th May<br>Wednesday  | ShowQuest<br>Year 4-13                         |
| 29 May<br>Friday       | School Mufti &<br>World Vision Market Day      |
| 1 June<br>Monday       | King's Birthday<br>(School closed)             |
| 2&3 June<br>Tues & Wed | DOE Bronze Trip                                |
| 10 June<br>Wednesday   | Tararoa Area School<br>Jazz Band Visit         |

## Year 12 PE Poor Knights Trip



On the 23rd of April the Year 12 PE class went to the Poor Knights with Mr Keyte, Mrs Chambers, Mr Osborne and Mr Dodds. For the assessment had to plan the risks they thought they would encounter, and create strategies to eliminate or minimise them, to make it a safer trip.

The day dawned beautiful and sunny, a real blessing for us. When we arrived at the Poor Knights marine reserve the students were able to enjoy world class snorkelling with massive schools of snapper, trevally and koheru, as well as the odd stingray and kingfish. Once done snorkelling they were able to go stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. We finished the water activities off with a Manu competition, which was taken out by James Walker. After we pulled the anchor up we went for a cruise into the giant Rikoriko cave, and then for a tour around the islands.

The students were all very tired, but happy when the boat tied back up at Tutukaka after all their adventures. Special thankyou to the adults who were able to come to make the trip possible, and were a great addition to the group!

- Mr Ben Keyte, HoD PE and Health

## From the Tumuaki

Kia ora Excellere Kaupapa Whānau,

After a wonderful mihi whakatau on Monday 20th April, Term 2 has been racing along at a frantic rate. I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all new students and to thank the Excellere whānau for extending such a warm welcome to them. It is such a blessing to hear these stories repeated time and time again. New parents express their surprise at being greeted even in the car park.

Thank you to Mrs Hill and other staff who supported the students that attended the World Vision Student Leadership Conferences at Trust Arena in Auckland. It is so important for our students to have these opportunities to share broad experiences, especially in other cities.

### Fuel Response Planning:

**Schools across the country are creating plans and procedures to support the government's response to global fuel restrictions. The Ministry of Education has issued clear guidance based on the four phases that have been publicised in the media. We wish to acknowledge that this is yet another time of increased costs for whānau/families and we have certainly noticed a dramatic increase in fuel cost when running the school vans. Our overarching goal is to keep the kura/school operating as usual.**

**We will be encouraging staff to carpool where possible and of course this option is open to others in the Excellere community.**

**Please note that in Phase One that fuel costs are not seen as a reason for a student's absence from school.**

**The Ministry of Education requires us to mark the absence as "unjustified" under Phase One. We continue to pray for an early resolution to the global fuel situation.**

On Monday 4th May we were grateful to have an unexpected visit from Andy who represents an international Christian organisation called Voice of the Martyrs. He spoke with the students about what it is like to be Christian in countries where it is illegal to express your faith. He shared a very powerful story and the students were obviously impacted by his dynamic presentation.

Thank you to all the whānau/families who supported the fundraiser at FlipOut on Friday 1st May. This raised well over \$800 for the Junior College. The team at FlipOut again reported that Excellere students were so polite and well behaved.

I wanted to finish with a word of encouragement in a world with so much distraction and noise that we can take our eyes away from our faith.

As parents, you carry a sacred calling. Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 22:6 to "train up a child in the way he should go." In a world full of noise, your steady faith, prayers, and example matter deeply. Even on the hard days, God is at work in your children's hearts. You are not alone—He equips and strengthens you for this journey. May you find encouragement in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not grow weary in doing good." The seeds you sow in love, truth, and grace will bear fruit in God's perfect timing.

Keep going—your influence is eternal.

Yours in Christ,

Andy Mouat, Tumuaki  
Excellere College

## 2026 TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please put the following dates into your calendar:

**TOD TERM 2: Friday 22 May.**

Ministry allocated Maths Curriculum PD

**TOD TERM 3: Friday 7th August**

Ministry allocated Maths Curriculum PD

## Firewood For Sale!!!

Firewood for sale @ \$120 per cubic metre. Please contact Richard on 0211181086 or the school office on 4352458 to order.

Proceeds will go to Whangarei Christian Education Trust for ongoing projects at school.

God bless, Richard Smith

*A big THANK YOU to Peter Meyer, Jeff McLaren, Arthur McLellan, Cole Johnson and Dan Garton for assisting in splitting firewood on Saturday.*



# 2025 Excellere College NCEA Results

## LEVEL 1 Achievements

### **Natalie Allan**

*NCEA Level 1 Endorsed with Merit*

Level 1 Visual Art endorsed with Excellence

Level 1 Business Studies & Maths endorsed with Merit

### **Kayley Buchler**

Level 1 Visual Art & Science endorsed with Merit

### **Jayne Chambers**

*NCEA Level 1 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 1 English & Maths endorsed with Merit

### **Azeneth Janse Van Rensberg**

*NCEA Level 1 Endorsed with Merit*

Level 1 Visual Art endorsed with Excellence

### **Lydia Jongkind**

Level 1 Business Studies & PE endorsed with Merit

### **Maisy Nichols**

*NCEA Level 1 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 1 Visual Art, Business Studies, English, Health, Mathematics & Science endorsed with Merit

### **Luané Nel**

*NCEA Level 1 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 1 Business Studies, English Health & Science endorsed with Merit

### **Abinaya Pokiri Raja**

*NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence*

Level 1 English & Science endorsed with Excellence

Level 1 Business Studies, PE & Maths endorsed with Merit

### **Ashtoné Steyn**

Level 1 Health endorsed with Merit

### **Mariela Shortland-Mendez**

*NCEA Level 1 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 1 Business Studies, English & PE endorsed with Merit

Level 1 Science endorsed with Excellence

## LEVEL 2 Achievements

### **Hayley Allan**

Level 2 Photography endorsed with Merit

### **Esther Bedwell**

Level 2 Painting and English endorsed with Merit

### **Annalisa Gabler**

Level 2 Art Design endorsed with Excellence

### **Mishé Lotz**

Level 2 Photography endorsed with Merit

### **Isla Simpson**

*NCEA Level 2 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 2 Health endorsed with Merit

Level 2 PE endorsed with Excellence

### **Caylin Watkins**

*NCEA Level 2 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 2 English and Biology endorsed with Merit

### **Ella Yung**

*NCEA Level 2 endorsed overall with Merit*

Level 2 Health endorsed with Merit

Level 2 PE endorsed with Excellence

## LEVEL 3 Achievements

### **Jacob Mitchell**

*NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Merit*

### **Sienna Quenault**

*NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Excellence*

Art Design endorsed with Excellence

## 2026 Senior College Ball



## Year 9-13 Hockey - Five a Side

A group of our students took part in this fast-paced and exciting game, competing alongside around twenty teams made up of boys, girls, and mixed players. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the event were fantastic, with every team giving it their all. Our students rose to the challenge, performing extremely well against tough competition. Their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship were outstanding, and we should be very proud of what they achieved.



## Moth Plant Eradication Competition

Excellere has entered the Moth plant competition. Win a \$50 prezzy card!

1- gather the pods/seedlings/vines, put them into secure plastic bags and bring them to school for the Excellere competition. Ends May 15th.

2- Enter and become environmental heroes - help stop the invasive moth plant. Register as an individual or as a 'pod squad' for our Moth Plant competition – get involved and make a difference. Every pod, seedling and vine removed counts! Closes 16 May

Please ask your students to bring any pods or seedlings they can collect to school in a secure bag. Start tackling moth plant – safely!

The sap of the moth plant is dangerous. Contact with eyes can cause stinging, swelling, and impair vision, and contact with skin can cause severe dermatitis in some people. It is poisonous when ingested. To keep safe, you must follow the Mandatory Safety Precautions. Bring them to the Science room!

- Mehrzad Zamanpour, HoD Science

**WARNING:** The sticky, milky white sap of moth plant can be highly irritating and potentially damaging to skin and eyes. Care must be taken to ensure the sap does not come in contact with skin or eyes. Contact with eyes can cause stinging, swelling and can impair vision. Contact with skin can cause severe dermatitis in some people. It is poisonous when ingested. To keep safe, you must follow these safety precautions:

- Wear the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling any part of the moth plant (vines, leaves, pods): Sturdy, waterproof gloves, Long-sleeved top and pants - choose old clothing (to protect your skin and prevent the sap from staining your good clothes).
- Safety glasses, sunglasses or goggles.
- Do not touch your face, eyes, or mouth while handling moth plant, or while wearing gloves or clothing that have come into contact with it.



## World Vision 2026

Dear Excellere whānau,

To support our upcoming World Vision 40 Hour Challenge, please find resources here. We have an exciting lineup this Friday, May 8th:

Ambassador Talk: Period 3 (During Assembly)

**Senior Leaders Workshop: Period 4**

**Junior Leaders Workshop: Period 5**

I have booklets available for juniors or anyone interested in supporting this cause. If you are participating as an individual or whānau, please register under our organisation: EXCELLERE SCHOOL. Collected funds can be dropped off at the office at your convenience.

Also, mark your calendars for our Market Mufti Day on May 29th (Week 6). We are looking forward to our big MARKET MUFTI DAY on the 29th of May - week 6. Watch this space and posters.

Blessings and thanks again for all your support. - Jeanne ( MamaHill)

## Recycling at Excellere College

Recycling lessons for Excellere College with "ecosolutions." Javiera from Ecosolutions spent a day at Excellere to deliver recycling lessons to

\_ Year 7 & 8, two Year 9 classes, Year 4,6, Year 10

We learned the significance of recycling in creating a cycle, to minimise waste and protect our resources. Exactly how nature works. Also, we went through what items can or cannot be recycled.



## Increasing our International Homestay Community

We are very proud of our Mission Statement where we are educating students to develop and excel in their God-given gifts and talents, according to His Word and purpose. We would like to extend God's Kingdom by opening our doors to hosting more international students in 2025.

Hosting international students is a wonderful way to share and gain a global perspective for the whole family. We are looking for host families for Year 7-13 students for both short stay (2-4 weeks) and/or long stay (up to 1 year+). A \$300 weekly allowance is paid to the host family to reflect the costs of hosting a young person in your home.

Please email our International Director, Barbie Reynolds, if you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact:

[barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz)

Whāea Barbie would love to hear from you and chat



## Advertise Here for 2026

Advertise your event or business HERE in the school newsletter.

\$100 a Year for 12 Newsletters or \$10 per single advertisement.

For more information contact:  
[julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz)

P: 0800 120 449 M: 022 393 7887  
E: [lee@balanceadvisors.co.nz](mailto:lee@balanceadvisors.co.nz)  
W: [www.balanceadvisors.co.nz](http://www.balanceadvisors.co.nz)  
A: 11A James Street, Whangarei



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## Dental Health



FREE dental care for under 18s  
Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay  
Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, especially at night so the Fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?  
0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)  
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm

Te Whatu Ora  
Health New Zealand



0800 698 3384  
(0800 MY TEETH)

## Rangatahi Coaching

In Term 1 we had this amazing event to spark leadership, confidence and coaching capability with students. Students from seven secondary schools around the region connected, learned and strengthened their coaching skills through interactive workshops and hands-on sessions. The students left inspired and ready to start coaching.



## School Sports Shirts Returns

All school sports t-shirts must be returned by the end of the week.

Any shirts not returned will result in a replacement charge being issued to parents.

## Year 9-13 Mountain Biking

What a great opportunity for our students to spend the day on their bikes, racing up and down Parahaki. The boys performed really well and had an amazing time.

It's an event they all said they would definitely love to take part in again next year.



## Year 9-13 Speed Golf

The students enjoyed a fantastic day out on the golf course, joining around 70 competitors from across the region. It was a highly competitive event, offering valuable experience and a clear idea of what to expect for future tournaments. Most importantly, the boys had plenty of fun, shared a few laughs, and made the most of an enjoyable day together.



## Books by Mike de Vetter for Sale

Large format books written by Mike de Vetter (former pastor of Whangarei Elin church) are available for sale for \$5 each.

If you are interested in purchasing, please see the school office staff. These will make great gifts of classroom resources for junior aged students.



**GRACE**  
AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Term Time Hours: 3-5:30pm  
School Holiday Hours: 8:30 - 4:00  
For more information contact:  
[graceafterschoolcare@gmail.com](mailto:graceafterschoolcare@gmail.com)

## Year 2 & 3 with Mrs Annandale

Room 23 is a fun place to be! In Term 1, we created some beautiful Easter art while learning about the true meaning of Easter.

We are always excited when a new Science Kit arrives! Most recently, we had the opportunity to learn about how wonderfully God created each one of us, specifically focusing on how our hearts and skeletons function. The students always enjoy these hands-on activities and usually go home very excited to share their new knowledge with their parents.

We also spent time learning about ANZAC. We were very grateful to Mrs Minnaar for allowing us to bake our own Anzac biscuits! This was such a highlight because every student measured their own ingredients for their own biscuit. Having some senior Food Tech students there to help us was a wonderful bonus!

We are now looking forward to learning all about minibeasts and bugs this term. Watch this space for more news!



## Eat Yummy Apples for School Sports Gear

Hey there Excellere College!

Eat Yummy apples for Excellere College to claim a share of \$200,000 worth of sports gear.

All you need to do is collect the 'Yummy Stickers' from individual apples, or the 'cut-out labels' from Yummy 1.5kg apple bags and bring them to school.

Year 7 - 13 students bring their stickers or labels to Rm 3 and add them to the appropriate whanau chart. You will see them just inside the door so please just add them yourselves.

All junior classes have their own sheets in their classroom. Yummy apples are available at New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more stickers you collect, the more sports gear we earn.



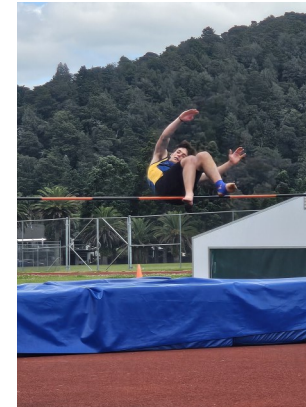
# NSSSA Athletics—Kensington Park

The Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Athletics event brought together the very best competitors from across our region to compete against one another.

With around 250 students participating on the day, it was a fantastic showcase of talent, determination, and sportsmanship.

Our athletes performed exceptionally well, and we should be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.

| Class / Event                   | Student         | Distance | Place |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| Intermediate Triple Jump Male   | James Bradley   | 10.71m   | 1st   |
| Intermediate Discus Male        | James Bradley   | 33.48m   | 1st   |
| Intermediate Triple Jump Female | Lydia Jongkind  | 8.65m    | 2nd   |
| Intermediate Shot Put Female    | Kylie Potgieter | 9.90m    | 1st   |
| Intermediate Discus Female      | Kylie Potgieter | 23.06m   | 1st   |
| Intermediate Javelin Female     | Kylie Potgieter | 31.81m   | 1st   |
| Senior Javelin Male             | Waldo Potgieter | 43.60m   | 2nd   |
| Senior High Jump Male           | Waldo Potgieter | 1.50m    | 5th   |



# Excellere College Netball 2026

Welcome to all our new and returning students representing Excellere this year in netball. We have been blessed with eight teams of dedicated and enthusiastic players. We also have a team of hardworking volunteers all helping to make netball happen this year. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one who has helped in big and small ways - you are all greatly appreciated. Feel free to come and watch and support our teams play on Thursday evenings or Saturdays. Draws go up by Wednesday each week on the Whangarei Netball Centre website. We pray that each team will honour the Lord on court each week through their words and actions; and enjoy using the gifts and abilities that He has given to each player.

This year we have two Year 0-4 teams, Pearls and Opals, playing on Thursday late afternoons at the Whangarei Netball Centre. It was a delight to be down there for their first games and to watch them all participating so enthusiastically and listening to their coaches.

Our two Year 5-6 teams will be representing Excellere on Saturday mornings. Despite the early start, both teams began the season with plenty of enthusiasm and loads of sideline support.

| <b>Pearls Team</b><br>Coaches: Shelane Wassyn<br>& Azeneth Janse van Rensburg |
|---|
| Anastasia Copeland  |
| Hael Park   |
| Mya Thorne  |
| Alexis Jackson  |
| Ella-Grace Kim  |
| Elizabeth Malone-Walker   |
| Nia Steyn   |

| <b>Opals Team</b><br>Coaches: Mariesa Duinkerke<br>& Olivia Cullum |
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| Bree Heperi  |
| Brooke Sims  |
| Haim Park  |
| Kelsey Koch  |
| Chloe Zwaanenburg  |
| Eva-Claire McLean  |
| Esther de Vetter   |
| Evie van den Berg  |
| Minka Steyn  |

| <b>Crystals Team</b><br>Coaches: Ellie Chambers<br>& Tamsen Browne |
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| Tui Keyte  |
| Grace Meyer  |
| Milla Eke  |
| Lola Dow   |
| Shilah James   |
| Larissa van der Hulst  |
| Keziah Duinkerke   |
| Maisie Steel   |
| Olivia Bedwell   |

| <b>Diamonds Team</b><br>Coaches: Lienka van Niekerk<br>& Kristin Ras |
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| Neve Almeida   |
| Kunashe Chigudu  |
| Arabella Johnston  |
| Karlien Botha  |
| Kira Alkema  |
| Sacha Trass  |
| Zoey Kampinya  |
| Harper Davey   |



# Excellere College Netball 2026

We have two Intermediate teams this year made up of players new to the 7-a-side game and those already with one season under their belts. These two teams have been training on Tuesdays after school and having plenty of fun at the same time. They began the season with two grading games each on Saturday, 2nd May. If you are in Year 7 or 8 and would like to play netball this season, we need another player for our Rubies team. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Our Collegiate teams have been training on Tuesday evenings and began their season with two grading games each on Saturday 2nd May. We have one more Saturday of grading games. These games determine which Collegiate grade we will play in for the season. We are still in need of another player for our Amethysts team. If you would like to play netball this season and are in Year 9-13 please contact the school office.

| <b>Rubies Team</b><br>Coach: Mrs Duinkerke |
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| Amoré de la Harpe                          |
| Grace Watkins                              |
| Lea Gerber                                 |
| Renee Trass                                |
| Caitlin Aubrey                             |
| Mia Ras                                    |
| Adelaide Kake                              |

| <b>Sapphires Team</b><br>Coach: Mrs McLennan |
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| Sarvag Shankar                               |
| Emily Bell                                   |
| Isabella Delport                             |
| Danique Minnaar                              |
| Bella Leggott                                |
| Sophie Blithe                                |
| Joyce Chang                                  |
| Zelda Kampinya                               |
| Mila Vigus                                   |

| <b>Emeralds Team</b><br>Coach: Mrs McLennan |
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| Kylie Potgieter (Captain)                   |
| Mariesa Duinkerke<br>(Vice-Captain)         |
| Kristin Ras                                 |
| Lienka van Niekerk                          |
| Mikayla Falloon                             |
| Nevaeh Tana                                 |
| Kayley Buchler                              |
| Jacob Duinkerke                             |

| <b>Amethysts Team</b><br>Coach: Mrs Duinkerke |
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| Mia Marais (Captain)                          |
| Harper Heperi (Vice-Captain)                  |
| Shelane Wassying                              |
| Grace Joll                                    |
| Skyla de Bruyn                                |
| Kylie Bradley                                 |
| Lucy Allan                                    |

